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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2007, the period of response for which runs through February 14, 2008, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.